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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6336

BILL NUMBER: HB 1049

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 28, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Time Limit for Use of Higher Education Grants.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Porter

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Lubbers

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill removes a stipulation that a student's eligibility for a Higher Education Financial Aid Award does not extend more than ten years after the date the student's initial award is granted. The bill repeals a provision concerning the ten year time limit for financial aid awards made to part-time students. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Interim Committee on Education Matters.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under current state law a person granted assistance by the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI) is ineligible to receive assistance ten years after the initial award is granted. In 2007, SSACI had 9,097 students affected by the ten-year rule. Based on prior experience, about 2,250 students might use the award. Using an average grant cost of about \$3,100, the maximum annual cost could be about \$6.975 M. The grants awarded by SSACI are limited by available appropriations.

The impact would be different for full-time and part-time students. If the bill increased the number of students eligible for full-time awards, then the increase in the award from the prior year provided by SSACI might be less. If the bill increased the number of students eligible for part-time awards, then universities might have to reduce the dollar amount of the part-time grants. SSACI provides universities a set dollar amount for part-time students, and the university determines eligibility and the amount of the award.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Student Assistance Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

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